

# the Overtimes

News for the People in Montgomery County Government

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Kathy Zieger (middle) with children, Eric and Michelle, October 1998.

## Executive Staffer is Recipient of Living Donor Liver Transplant

In October 1998, Kathy Zieger, administrative specialist in the County Executive's Office, was diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma, a rare form of stomach cancer. While undergoing surgery to remove part of her stomach, it became apparent that the cancer had spread throughout her liver. After months of aggressive chemotherapy treatments, a liver transplant was recommended.

After being evaluated at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) in Baltimore, Zieger was accepted as its first adult living transplant recipient. In October 1999, her older brother donated 60 percent of his liver – the entire right lobe – which was transplanted in his sister. The surgery was a success and both were home within 10 days. Recipients of liver transplants are always at risk for rejection and must take medications the remainder of their lives.

"Getting used to taking 20 pills a day and dealing with the side effects from the various medications has been difficult," said Zieger. Some complications with arterial blood flow and internal bleeding required additional surgery in December, but doctors are optimistic that these problems have been corrected and that another transplant should not be necessary.

Medical centers around the country began offering liver transplants for adults from living donors in 1998. According to John Colonna, M.D., director of Liver Transplant Surgery at the UMMC, living donor transplants are extremely rare and only three other transplants have been performed in the U.S. for patients with this type of stomach cancer. Unlike other solid organs, livers grow back to their original size within approximately six weeks.

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## Winter Weather Information

### Up-To-Date Status on County Government

Tired of waiting for your local television or radio station to give the status of County government programs and activities during winter storms? Why wait? Tune in to the County government channel — County Cable Montgomery (channel 55, or 5 on cable-ready sets and channel 6 for Starpower subscribers). The County's channel carries the latest information on County government openings, closings or delays; the status of programs, activities and public schools; Ride On bus routes and the condition of County roads and highways.

Every morning — between the hours of 4:30 and 9 a.m. — and every afternoon — from 3 to 6 p.m. — the Advanced Traffic Management Center of the Department of Public Works and Transportation will offer up-to-the-minute information on what's happening around the County.

For employees who live outside of Montgomery County or for those without cable television, the information can also be found on the County home page (winter weather) on the internet at: <http://www.co.mo.md.us> or by calling the County's Emergency Hotline at 240-777-6500.

## Waste Reduction Tip

Purchase refillables and reusables! Avoid disposable items such as lighters, pens, cameras and razors.

## In Memoriam

Kathy Barbor, 62, who retired from County service in 1995 after more than 20 years, died of cancer on November 28 of last year.

During her 20 years with County government, Barbor worked in the Finance Department, Permitting Services and in the Office of the County Executive.

She is survived by her husband, Russell, four children and five grandchildren.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped me during my recent illness. A special thanks to my fellow employees who came to the aid of me and my family with gifts of leave, food, money, thoughts and prayers. A special thanks to Tim O'Gwin for looking out for my best interests and to the sick leave donor program.

Ed Fraley  
*Facilities and Services*

## Living Donor

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"Montgomery County employees from several departments have been extremely supportive and generous with dinners, cards, gifts and sick leave donations," commented Zieger. "It's great to work with so many caring people, and the constant contact and encouragement has kept me positive during a very difficult time."

Zieger continues to recuperate at home with the help of her two teenage children and her friends, family and fellow employees. She's hopeful for a full recovery and expects to return to her job in February.

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## Beat the Winter Doldrums and Sign Up For a Class Through the Rec Department

Maybe you've always wanted to take a kick boxing class or learn the latest dance steps, or you finally want to take that watercolor painting class that you've been putting off for so long. You'll find it all in the winter issue of the Montgomery County Guide to Recreation and Leisure. There are classes for preschool children, youth, teens, adults and seniors in the areas of fine arts, crafts, exercise and fitness, dance, mu-

sic, physical activities, wellness and personal development and special interest issues. The guide also includes information on additional recreation activities for the whole family.

All County employees are eligible for a twenty percent discount on classes and pool passes. Pick up a free copy of the Guide at any library or community, government and regional services center or call 240-777-6900.

## Overheard On the Elevator

A belated best wishes to **JEANNE PICKERING ADAMS**, Economic Development, who was married April 24, 1999 to Ralph Adams.

On the new baby front, **KRISTINA ELLIS**, Economic Development, and her husband Jamye welcomed Kason James on October 27. Kason weighed in at 8 lbs., 5 oz.

**BOBBI DEGNAN**, formerly with the Office of Management and Budget, was recently announced as the assistant director of the Mid-County Regional Services Center.

**ARTHUR B. McNEAL**, Procurement, was recently elected to the National Board of Directors of the American Contract Compliance Association.



**County Residents Come Through for Flooding Victims** – When the County's Office of Human Resources organized a drive in late December asking residents to donate needed items to the victims of flooding in Venezuela, they were amazed at the positive response they received. Hundreds of bags and boxes filled with canned food items, baby formula, diapers, toys, clothing and bottled water arrived at the Executive Office Building and at each of the five regional services centers. The donated items were gathered and presented by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan to the Ambassador of the Venezuelan Embassy, Dr. Alfredo Toro Hardy. The items were loaded onto a truck and taken to the Embassy, where arrangements were made to get them to Venezuela.





**New Fire Fighters Chase Turkey for 6.2 Miles** – Twenty members of the Division of Fire and Rescue Services' Recruit Class #15 and their instructors spent Thanksgiving morning running in the 1999 Turkey Chase 10k run sponsored by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA. Most of the recruits had never before participated in any kind of road race, so the completion of the Turkey Chase was quite a personal achievement. Pictured above, front row, l to r: Jason Blake, David Devore, Matthew Pollack, Chad Moreland, Seleena Lund, Timothy Kunkle, Captain Buddy Ey and Captain Mark Davis. Middle row, l to r: Lt. Chuck Bartlett, Edward Russell, Stacy Fossett, Melissa Hickerson, Stacy Pitts, David Goodman and Mark Arnold. Back row, l to r: Robert Scott, Phillip Baker, Renee Mathena, Hugh Bayne, Michael Hite, Ian St. John, Mark Miller and Kimball Williams.

## Election Day Workers Needed

The Elections Office is seeking County employees to work at the Counting Center during the Primary Election on Tuesday, March 7. Volunteers are needed for a day and/or evening shift.

Employees who choose the daytime shift, from noon to 2:30 p.m., will be temporarily reassigned to work from their regular job by the CAO during that time. Employees who wish to work the evening shift, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., will be compensated at the rate of \$10 per hour.

To qualify, employees must be registered voters in Montgomery County. Employees who are selected will be notified by the Elections Office shortly after the February 7 application deadline.

If interested, complete the form below and send it via interoffice mail to: Stuart Harvey, Board of Elections, 751 Twinbrook Parkway.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip Code

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Office

PARTY AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below indicating when you can work.

Primary Election Day ☐ Evening ☐

PLEASE CUT OUT AND RETURN BY FEBRUARY 7

## OHR Notes

### Office of Human Resources

#### End of Leave Year Affects Compensatory Time

After the end of the leave year, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) **non-exempt** employees with compensatory time balances over 80 hours will be **paid** for the hours over 80 (96 hours for some Fire/Rescue employees). A non-exempt employee may carry over the excess comp time hours for a one-year period by notifying the Director, Office of Human Resources, before February 11, 2000.

Employees **exempt** from FLSA coverage will have comp time balances in excess of 80 hours transferred to sick leave. Exempt employees may be eligible to request carryover of the excess comp time for a one-year period. If you are eligible, you should submit a request to your department or office director before February 11, 2000. Approved requests should be forwarded to the Finance Department's Payroll Section. Consult *Personnel Regulations* or collective bargaining agreements for more information. (Check the upper right corner of your time sheet to find out if your position is FLSA exempt or non-exempt.)

#### Tuition Assistance

Thinking about going back to school for the spring semester? Planning to take a course to complete your college degree or improve your job skills? You may be eligible to apply for tuition assistance. FY 00 funds are still available for the County's tuition assistance programs, so check it out! Call OHR at 240-777-5116 for information on eligibility, program features, and application procedures.

#### Help Us to Help You

We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns about Human Resource matters. But if the person you have called cannot answer the phone, please leave a voice mail message describing your problem, your Social Security number (if we need to research your file), and a phone number where we can reach you with the answer. Then, please be patient. The person you called will call you back. And please, please don't leave the same message with several different people. If you do that, there may be two or three or four people researching your problem when they could be helping someone else. Thanks for your cooperation.

**CONDO FOR SALE** – Germantown. Two bdr., 2 baths, sunroom/patio looking out to woods. Laundry room w/full size W/D, secure intercom, locked entry. Freshly painted, seven years old. Near I-270 and Great Seneca Hwy. \$104,000. Call Bob, 301-831-9837.

**VACATION CONDO** – Florida Keys. Two bdr., 2 bath, waterfront condo. Pool, tennis, snorkeling, scuba driving, fishing, sailing & great sunsets from two porches. Quiet, spacious. Call Dave or Nancy, 301-897-3424 or 301-424-1914.

**VACATION TIMESHARE** – Gatlinburg, TN, near top of Mt. Harrison. Two bdr., 2 bath chalet with loft. Available July 9 – 16. \$700. Call 301-253-4442.

**'92 NISSAN SENTRA** – Two door, 4-spd., stereo/cassette, five star wheels. New clutch, brakes. 89k miles. \$2,300. Call Tim, 301-998-8151 or 301-972-4034.

**'96 TOYOTA CAMRY** – burgundy, 4-dr., 5-spd., A/C, auto doors and windows, AM/FM, excellent condition. 33k miles. \$11,500. Call 301-593-4590.

**'88 VOLV 240 DL** – station wagon, gold, new battery, 110k miles. 2000/best offer. Call Cherry, 240-777-4074 or 301-251-9153.

**FURNITURE** – antique fruitwood dresser, 5 drawers, attached mirror, \$250. Solid oak, w/fruitwood finish, bedroom set inc. king-size bed, triple dresser, nightstand, make offer. Solid wood, 3-pc. wall system w/glass shelves & door storage, indirect lighting,

## Backpage Bargains

County employees may submit ads, non-commercial only, with name and home and office phone number to Information Office, 4th floor, EOB. **Ads may appear one time only.** Deadline for the next issue is February 25.

\$300. Regulation size ping pong table and desk, \$35 ea. Other misc. items. Call 240-777-3244.

**FOR SALE** – queen-size captain's bed w/drawers & storage, oak finish, \$300. Dresser, \$50. Call Jessica, 240-777-6541 or 301-588-1908, eves.

**POOL TABLE** – 4 ½' x 9' slate bed. Will deliver. \$1,500. Call Bill Watson, 301-840-2454 or 301-854-1123.

**UPRIGHT PIANO** – with matching bench, needs tuning. "Get it out of our basement, and it's yours." Call 240-777-7905 or 301-320-4131.

**EXERCISE EQUIPMENT** – treadmill, \$45. Stairstepper, \$85. Stationary bike trainer with bike, \$95. Schwinn aluminum bike, like new, cost \$760, will sell for \$295. Call Kent or Ruth Ann at 301-871-8929.

**EXERCISE EQUIPMENT** – WESLO cardioglide, excellent condition, like new. \$85. Call 301-949-6449, eves.

**EXERCISE EQUIPMENT** – cardiofit machine, rarely used, excellent condition, good price. Call Kathy, 240-777-4068.

**FOR SALE** – ladies diamond ring set, 14k yellow gold, 4-prong round solitaire, 1.13

carats, w/matching 14k yellow gold diamond ring guard w/14 Marquise shaped diamonds with total wt. of 1.10 carats. Appraised value, \$7,700, will sell for \$5,000/best offer. Call Mike, 240-773-5378.

**FOR SALE** Toshiba laptop Satellite T1910cs color screen, 540mb hard drive, 12 meg. Ram, 28k modem, Windows 3.1, LOTUS organizer, \$75/best offer. Weber charcoal barbeque grill w/cover, hardly used, \$35/best offer. Hechinger's wheelbarrow, 2.5 cu. ft. Call Jay, 301-468-4211 or 301-384-6512.

**VIDEOS** – complete set of original episodes of Star Trek, \$400. Approx. 16 of Star Trek the Next Generation, \$160. The first 4 seasons of Highlander the Series, \$260. Star Trek plates, \$25. Also selling record collection of 45's and LP's. Also, hamster/mice cages w/tubes and accessories, \$50. Will take best offer. Call Ida Cole, 240-777-1932.

**WEDDING GOWN** – sweetheart neckline, long sleeves pointed at wrists. Neckline and sleeves trimmed in lace and small pearls. Inc. waist-length veil. Size 16/18. \$400. Call 301-598-8936, eves.

**TENNIS EQUIPMENT** – rackets, bags, covers etc., various styles, all rackets have 4 3/8" grip size. Also, electric treadmill for sale, w/3 position incline, 2.25 h.p. motor, 5 function/window-speed, time, distance, calorie and pulse. Hardly ever used. Paid \$500 will sacrifice for \$300. Call Thom at 240-777-6511.

# PRESIDENT'S DAY

## Presidential Trivia

1. Which president had the most children, 15?
2. Who was the first president born in the 20th century?
3. Who was the tallest president, at 6'4"?
4. Who was the only president to be elected to two nonconsecutive terms?
5. Which president was elected to office four times?
6. Who was the first president born in the United States of America?

Answers below

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1. John Tyler 2. John F. Kennedy 3. Abraham Lincoln 4. Grover Cleveland 5. Franklin D. Roosevelt 6. Martin Van Buren